under the TRIPs Agreement regarding the introduction of product patent in pharmaceuticals will be made after due consideration of the concerns of all the stakeholders, including the consumers.

Revival of IDPL

1054. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a package for revival of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL) is long pending;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when IDPL will be revived?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) No Sir. BIFR, in its hearing dated 4.12.2003, has passed winding up orders for IDPL and has referred the matter to the concerned High Court for winding up.

Revival of Fact

1055. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any package relating to the revival of FACT in Kerala is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the working capital required for the revival of the FACT and the mode by which Government propose to raise the requirement; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to import Naphtha for FACT and whether Government propose to undertake any step to modernise FACT?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Considering poor financial performance of FACT, the Government in March 2002 had waived outstanding interest of Rs. 226.88 crore along with penal interest as on 31.3.2002 on the Government loans availed by the company. Again in October 2003, the Government waived outstanding interest of Rs. 87.80 crore along with

penal interest on the Government loans as on 31.3.2003, reduced the rate of interest on the loans to 7% w.e.f. 1.4.2003 along with moratorium on principal and interest repayments up to 31.3.2004 and also extended a non-plan loan of Rs. 60 crore in 2003-04 for implementing voluntary retirement scheme through which about 940 employees have been reduced from the rolls of the company to improve its financial condition. The Government has also initiated the process for finalising a third and long term financial restructuring package for revival of FACT. The Union Government has also been pursuing with the Government of Kerala certain concessions for reduction of State levies/taxes sought by FACT, which would improve its financial condition.

(c) Working capital required by FACT is to be raised by the company from commercial banks and extending Government guarantee, for the purpose if needed, can also be explored by the Government.

(d) At present, FACT does not have any infrastructure to import naphtha. Import of naphtha by the company would, therefore, depend on availability of infrastructure and its price in comparison with the price at which FACT is supplied naphtha by Kochi Refineries Limited. Government has been providing non-plan assistance to loss making fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings to take up technology upgradations and FACT has been utilising their earmarked assistance every year for this purpose.

OTC Sale of Drugs

1056. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs under Schedule-H;

(b) whether it is a fact that the multi-national companies are demanding for OTC sale treatment for over twelve categories of drugs;

(c) if so, the details of drugs they are demanding for OTC sale;

(d) whether any committee has been constituted to look into this aspect; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?